

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
 Kazuyuki MURATA, et al. :  
 Serial No.: Group Art Unit:  
 Filed: July 14, 1999 Examiner:  
 For: IMAGE DATA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND THE METHOD THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 6, lines 1 through 2, please replace "any of claims 2 to 6" with --claim 2--.

Claim 11, lines 1 through 2, please replace "any of claims 7 to 10" with --claim 7--.

**REMARKS**

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 6 and 11 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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